

REMARKS

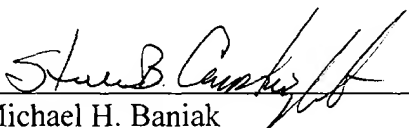
Claims 8-14, 19 and 20-26 are pending in the application. Claims 8-14 and 19 were indicated as being allowed. Claims 20, 22 and 24 have been amended herein. Applicants request reconsideration and issuance of a Notice of Allowance. This is being filed after the filing of a Notice of Appeal and concurrently with the filing of the Brief in Support of Appeal.

If for any reason the Examiner is unable to allow the case, the Applicants request that the Examiner please contact Applicants' attorney at (312) 673-0360.

Respectfully submitted,

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